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In re Application of

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE
PROCESSING PROGRAM FOR JOINING A PLURALITY OF DIVIDED IMAGES

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 9,
2001.

Japanese language is necessary as indicated in the drawings for the following reason:

Figure 2 represents an example of an original document having texts, graphics or
photographs printed thereon, and Figures 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 10B, 10C, 12A, 12B, 13A and 13B
represent image data obtained by reading, by a scanner for example, parts of the original
document having texts, graphics or photographs printed thereon. The Japanese characters on
these figures do not have any specific meaning with respect to the contents of the application,
and the characters simply represent character patterns. Not only the alphabets but also Japanese
characters are included in the drawings to show that the present invention is applicable to
documents in any language and there is no limitation to a specific language, when the original

document contains texts. Therefore, the Japanese sentences in the drawings should be maintained as they are as character patterns.

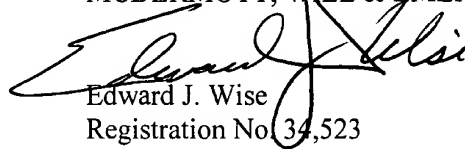
It is therefore believed that the drawings as filed are acceptable.

If anything further is needed, please contact the undersigned immediately.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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